

## APPLY THE SKILLS

### The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls • Thanatopsis • Old Ironsides • *from* Snowbound

1. **Assess:** Choose one of these poems. In what ways has life changed since the poem was written in the mid-1860s?

Name of Poem \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **Literary Analysis:** A poem's **meter** is the rhythm of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line. Read these lines from "Thanatopsis." Then, mark the stressed (/) and unstressed (») syllables of the meter.

So shalt thou rest, and what if thou withdraw  
 In silence from the living, and no friend.

3. **Literary Analysis:** An iamb is a type of foot that has one unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable. Read the second stanza of "Old Ironsides." Which lines are in iambic tetrameter (four iambs)?

Key Details		Summary
Stanza 1	➔	
Stanza 2		

4. **Reading Strategy: Summarize** the main idea of "Thanatopsis." Write the summary as though it is a guide for someone unfamiliar with the poem.

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